

DOUGLAS CRABBE — RELEASE

**102. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the Attorney General's decision to approve the release of one of Australia's most notorious mass murderers into a pre-release resocialisation program.

- (1) Is the Attorney General aware that Douglas Crabbe is currently serving five life sentences?
- (2) Did the Attorney General consult with any of the victims and their families prior to making this decision?
- (3) Will the Attorney General table the most recent briefing note or similar document that he has received about Mr Crabbe, in either an unredacted or a redacted form?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) By means of clarification, Mr Crabbe is currently serving one life sentence for the murder of five people.
- (2) In considering the board's recommendation regarding a prisoner's participation in a resocialisation program, the Attorney General considers the release consideration in section 5A(d) of the Sentence Administration Act 2003, which includes "issues for any victim of the prisoner if the prisoner is released, including any matter raised in a victim's submission".

It is not possible to provide the member with a response to part (3) within the time available. An answer will be provided in the next sitting week.